

The Tragedie

By drunken prophesies libels and dreames,
To set my brother *Clarence* and the King,
In deadly hate the one against the other,
And if King *Edward* be as True and iust
As I am subtil, false and trecherous:
This day should *Clarence* closely bee mewd vp,
About a prophesie which sayes that G.
Of *Edwards* heires the murderer shall be.
Diue thoughts downe to my soule, *Enter Clarence with*
Heere Clarence comes, *a Guard of men.*
Brother, good dayes, what meane this armed guard
That waits vpon your grace?
Cl. His maiesty tending my persons safety, hath appointed
This conduct to conuey me to the Tower.
Glo. Vpon what cause?
Cl. Because my name is *George*,
Glo. Alacke my Lord, that fault is none of yours,
He should for that commit your god fathers:
O belike his maiesty hath some intent
That you shall be new christned in the tower,
But what is the matter *Clarence*, may I know?
Cl. Yea *Richard* when I doe know, tot I protest
As yet I doe not, but as I can learne,
He herkens after prophesies and dreames,
And from the crosse-row pluckes the letter G,
And sayes a wizard told him that by G,
His issue disinherited should be,
And for my name of *George* begins with G,
It followes in his thought that I am he;
These as I learne and such like toyes as these,
Haue moued his highnesse to commit me now.
Glo. Why this it is when men are rulse by women,
Tis not the King that sends you to the Tower,
My Lady *Gray* his wife, *Clarence* tis she
That tempts him to this extreamity,
Was it not she and that good man of worship
Anthony Woodville her brother there,
That made him send Lord *Hastings* to the tower,
From whence this present day he is deliuered?
We are not safe *Clarence*, we are not safe.

of Richard the Third.

Cl. By heauen I thinke there is no man secur'd
But the queenes kindred, and night walking heralds
that truge betweene the King and *Mistris Shore*:
Heard you not what an humble suppliant
Lord *Hastings* was to her for his deliuey?

Glo. Humbly complayning to her Deity,
Got my Lord Chamberlaine his liberty,
He tell you what, I thinke it were our way,
If we will keepe in fauour with the King,
To bee her men and were her liuery,
The iealous ore-worne widdow and her selfe,
Since that our brother dubb them *Gentlewomen*,
Are mighty gossip in this monarchy.

Bro. I beseech your graces both to pardon me?
His maiesty hath straightly given in charge,
That no man shall haue priuate conference,
Of what degree soeuer with his brother.

Glo. Euen so and please your worship *Brokenbury*,
You may pertake of any thing wee say:
We speake no treason man, we say the King
Is wise and veruous and the noble Queene
Well stroke in yeares, faire and not icalous,
We say that *Shores* wife hath a pretty foote,
A chery lip a bonny eye, a passing pleasing tongue:
And that the Queenes kindred are made gentle folkes:
How say you sir, can you deny all this?

Bro. With this (My Lord) my selfe hath nought to do.

Glo. Nought to do with *Mistris Shore*, I tell thee fellow,
He that doth nought with her excepting one,
Were best he do it secretly alone,

Bro. What one my Lord?

Glo. Her husband knaue, wouldst thou betray me?

Bro. I beseech your Grace to pardon me, and withall for-
Your conference with the noble Duke.

Cl. we know thy charge *Brokenbury*, and will obey,

Glo. We are the Queenes Abiects and must obey,
Brother farewell I will vnto the King,
And whatsoeuer you will imploy me in,
Were it to call King *Edwards* widdow sister,